(*f*) When do Government propose to commence the supply of power to Bhadravati ?

(*g*) Would it be possible to supply electric power to both places simultaneously ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—51. (*a*) Since 1927.

(*b*) Once in the year 1933.

(*c*) 8½ lakhs of rupees for a transmission line from Bhadravati to Davangere.

(*d*) Yes—by steam plant; 7·8 lakhs of rupees.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) About the latter part of 1935.

(*g*) No scheme for the electrification of Davangere has yet been sanctioned. The supply of power to that place will depend upon whether the scheme will be remunerative.

MR. CHENNAGIRI RANGAPPA.—Are the Government aware that the citizens of Davangere have been agitating for the last 10 or 15 years for the supply of electricity to the town ?

DEWAN.—Let the power line go first to Shimoga. Government are aware that Davangere also needs it. But it is not possible to continue the line up to it at once.

Plea for Statutory Provision for Grant of Maternity Benefit to Women Working in Private Factories.

MRS. KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA and SRIMATHI D. SAKAMMA (Special Interests).—

Q.—58. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) How many factories and mills are there in the State ?

(*b*) How many are Government owned and how many private ones ?

(*c*) What are the provisions, such as maternity benefits, made for women labourers in factories ?

(*d*) What is the minimum age of children that work in the factories ?

(*e*) What are the maximum and minimum wages that women and children receive ; how many hours do they work ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—58. (*a*) 206.

(*b*) 20 Government Factories.
186 Private Factories.

(*c*) No statutory provision has been made for the grant of maternity benefit to women working in factories. Government have passed orders providing for the grant of maternity benefit to women working in factories under the control of the Department of Industries and Commerce.

(*d*) 11 years.

(*e*) Women—4 annas to 8 annas per day ; children—3 annas to 6 annas per day. A maximum limit of 11 hours per day is prescribed for women and 5½ hours per day for children.

SRIMATHI D. SAKAMMA.—With reference to answer to (*c*), may I ask whether it is not necessary to make a statutory provision ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—The question is engaging attention in connection with the amendment of the Factories' Regulation.

SRIMATHI D. SAKAMMA.—What are the concessions allowed under the orders passed in respect of factories under the control of the Department of Industries and Commerce ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—Leave on full pay up to 8 weeks.

SRIMATHI D. SAKAMMA.—What about sick leave ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—The rules in this respect are the same for men and women labourers.

SRIMATHI D. SAKAMMA.—Is not the minimum age of 11, referred to in the answer to (*d*), low ? And are not the Government aware that in Bombay and Central Provinces the minimum age has been fixed at 12 years ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—We shall consult the practice existing in other presidencies at the time of revising the Regulation.

SRIMATHI D. SAKAMMA.—Is it not desirable to lay down that factory

owners should make arrangements for the proper care of children when their mothers who are labourers of those factories are in maternity?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—The Sri Krishnarajendra Mills have made provision in this respect.

SRIMATHI D. SAKAMMA.—Is it not desirable that other factories also should show the same concession and would it not also be desirable to open nursery homes for children of and above the age of 2 years?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—If the Government insist on too many conditions, the factories might think of managing without women labourers.

SRIMATHI D. SAKAMMA.—It is not so easy to do so, because women labourers are certainly less costly.

DEWAN.—Let us see how far the suggestion may be adopted.

MR. T. RAMACHANDRA.—Is the production of a certificate of fitness insisted upon before boys and girls are employed?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—Yes, invariably.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—With reference to the reply that leave on full pay is granted for 8 weeks during maternity, may I know how much of that leave will be before and after maternity?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—Four weeks before and 4 weeks after.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Are the Government aware that in Bombay and Central Provinces, leave is given for 12 weeks, that is, 6 weeks before and 6 weeks after maternity?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMET.—No. But, as I said already, the practice prevailing elsewhere will be taken into consideration while revising the Regulation.

Deputation of Women Graduates and Teachers for Higher Studies in Foreign Countries:

MRS. KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA and SRIMATHI D. SAKAMMA (Special Interests).—

Q.—59. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) How many women graduates and teachers have hitherto gone to foreign countries for higher qualifications from the State and how many were helped by the State—their names and nature of help they received?

(*b*) Are there any now studying in foreign countries and are they helped by the Government?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—59. (*a*) Information is given below:—

Name	Nature of help rendered
1. Mrs. H. S. Hensman...	Combined leave from 2-9-29 to 2-2-31 plus an advance of £25 and a loan of Rs. 2,000.
2. The late Dr. Sri U. Abhayambal.	Study leave from 15-8-29 to 31-3-31. A family maintenance allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem and a loan of £100 and a contribution of £30 for getting the thesis printed.
3. Miss Lazarus ...	Deputed during 1920-21 to study the organisation of Women's Education in England.
4. Sri. Kanakalakshamma	A scholarship of £250 per annum for two years for higher studies in English literature.
5. Miss Mary Chandy ...	Granted a loan scholarship of £300 per annum tenable for two years for higher education in English at the London University.